

REMARKS

Claims 24-27 have been amended. Claims 28-31 have been canceled. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original claims in this and other applications. Claims 1-27 remain pending.

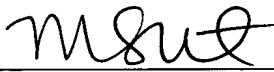
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's statement that claims 1-23 are allowed.

Claims 24-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101, because the claimed invention was directed to non-statutory subject matter. As suggested by the Examiner, claims 24-27 have been amended to recite "a computer readable information recording medium." Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore requested.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application, including claims 1-27, is in condition for immediate allowance.

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